

## Bypaths of Kansas History

### THE OLD SNAKE BITE TREATMENT

From the *La Cygne Weekly Journal*, September 10, 1870.

John Maloney is a "section man" on the section between here and Fontana; he is a native of the Emerald Isle, and has all the horror of a wearer of the green, for snakes. Well, John was doing his duty on Monday last, just north of the Marais des Cygnes bridge, about two miles from the city. He went to lift up a large, flat stone, when he jumped and exclaimed, "good Lord! I'm snake bit!" Sure enough there was found to be a small rattlesnake under the stone, about a foot long, which had stuck its fangs into John's right forefinger. He was immediately put upon the hand-car, which was "doubled quicked" down here, coming in less than four minutes, Johnny's exclamations of fear and pain adding speed to the car. Medical attendance was immediately procured, as well as a quart of whiskey, and he was soon under the curative process. Whiskey inwardly and salt and water applications outwardly, soon got the better of the poison, and at night he was put upon a flat car and sent up to Fontana, his home, decidedly better. His arm swelled up quite badly, but he was at no time in a dangerous condition, as the virus was not so virulent as that of an old, full grown snake would have been.

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### WARNING FROM THE KANSAS BALKANS

A copy of a letter in the prohibition file of the papers of Gov. Walter R. Stubbs, in the archives of the Kansas State Historical Society.

FRONTENAC KANS

Jan 12, 1910

Gov. STUBBS—

I see by the hedlight paper that you are going to send us milishe— well I think you better tend to your own bisness in Topeka— I got a saloon and I expect to keep one— I have been in the biz. for 12 years, and I pay my debts and am a good citizen. We can run our town without you— and if Mr Marshall dont look out something will happen— you dont see any one going to brizen for killing any one down here do you Mr Wully and Mr Meriweder no who elected them I got some frients myself when it comes to lecshon— if you did not get a big vote in dis County you would been beet to— and you see where you are at next time— you see dif in Sheref vote and yours— We get long all rite wid Mr Mereweder— he knows to treet us like a man— now you and Marshall keep your nose out or some one gets hurt— We dont fool down here in Frontenac, so you are warned and it is your falt if you get hurt or Mr Marshal.

I have frends who are just so good politshuns as you

V. R.